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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

November 21, 1984

Dear Richard,

When I was approached by the Jack Anderson organization I had hoped to have time to consult with you and others in the Department. In view of the series of questions asked by the Anderson column writer, Ms. Lucette Lagnado, I was concerned. Obviously, those questions running to my person, were of concern to me personally. But, I have learned that in public life you have to develop a resistant hide. However, I was dismayed at the questions regarding classified information that showed Ms. Lagnado had a voluble "Deep Throat" within our ranks.

I plan to make no reply to this column, unless you, John Hughes and others want to counsel a different course.

I wanted you and our other associates in the Department to have all the background in this matter and therefore am attaching a copy of the memorandum prepared by the Embassy's Press Officer when contacted by Ms. Lagnado.

With good wishes,



Joseph Verner Reed
Ambassador

The Honorable Richard M. Murphy
Assistant Secretary of State for Near East Affairs

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I thought you would

be interested in

the attached.

*the 'security' side
is what is really
outrageous!*

Joseph Verner Reed

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MEMORANDUM

TO : The Ambassador November 15, 1984

THROUGH : Mr. Kirby, DCM *HK*
Mr. Malik, CPAO *AW*

FROM : James E. Smith, *JS* Information Officer

SUBJECT : Jack Anderson Inquiry: Memorandum of Conversation
with Lucette Laghno

Ms. Lucette Laghno^{made} of Jack Anderson's column telephoned the afternoon of November 13 after being referred to me by Mr. Wolff. She said she had been working on a story for several weeks for Jack Anderson about Moroccan-American relations since the Treaty with Libya and asked if I could speak on your behalf. I told her I could not without your authorization, that you were travelling, that we would try to contact you and get back to her and that I would be interested in knowing her questions. She said she had no particular questions but was interested in the following subjects:

1. The Oujda Treaty:

- a. Why did the Ambassador, who claims close rapport with the King not receive advance notice? (I referred her to the New York Times interview of Hassan II.)
- b. Why weren't warning flags raised to Washington with the improving relations between Morocco and Libya in the preceding year?
- c. Why was it a total surprise?

2. U.S. Profile in Morocco:

- a. Is a high profile good for the U.S. and the Embassy?
- b. She had heard the guard houses were red, white and blue. I explained to her they were not, but had been months ago, and that diplomatic missions typically had their national flag colors on guard houses in Rabat.

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3. Relations with Capitol Hill:

- a. She had heard of unfriendly exchanges between the Ambassador and Senators. Was there a basis that?
- b. An exchange of letters with Senator Eagleton had been "particularly bitter". Was I familiar with this?

4. U.S.-Moroccan Agreements:

- a. Washington was "so upset" they were "considering a review of a number" of bilateral agreements. Were we familiar with that?
- b. These included intelligence sharing, especially satellite reconnaissance of the Western Sahara. Was this true?

In regard to the previous questions I replied only as indicated above and advised her that no official would even address her last question.

She left her telephone number (202) 483-1442 and said she really hoped we could reply by November 14. I repeated that you were travelling but we would try to get word to you of her interest.

After talking with her, I immediately called your office to report the conversation to report the conversation and was told that Mr. Wolff had talked to Ms. Laghno and was on the telephone trying to reach you. I also advised Mr. Malik of the substance of the inquiry.

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